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1. PARAGRAPH 6 OF REFTEL REQUESTED WASHINGTON COMMENT ON CLAIM MADE BY FRENCH MINISTER OF EXTERIOR COMMERCE THAT EC WAS ABSORBING 75 PERCENT AND THE UNITED STATES ONLY 10 PERCENT OF RAPIDLY GROWING TEXTILE EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SIMILARLY, ARTICLE BY PRIME MINISTER RAYMOND BARRE IN DAILY "JOURNAL DE GENEVE" SEPTEMBER 17, 1977 STATED "...COMMUNITY, EXCEEDINGLY LIBERAL IN

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INTERPRETING THE CLAUSES OF THIS AGREEMENT (GATT MULTI-FIBER ARRANGEMENT (MFA)) ABSORBING THREE-QUARTERS OF THE GROWTH IN TEXTILE EXPORTS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BETWEEN 1973 AND 1976."

2. ACCORDING TO UNITED NATIONS DATA FOR YEARS 1970-1976, EC HAS ONLY BEEN ABSORBING ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF INCREASE IN DOLLAR VALUE OF TEXTILE AND APPAREL EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. REGARDLESS OF PRECISE PERIOD CHOSEN, DATA SHOWS EC SHARE OF BURDEN TO BE CONSISTENTLY NEAR THE 40 PERCENT MARK. SPECIFICALLY, DATA SHOWS THAT EC

ABSORBED 41 PERCENT OF INCREASE IN DOLLAR VALUE FOR 1970 TO 1976, US-24 PERCENT, REST OF WORLD-35 PERCENT; FROM 1972 TO 1976, EC-42 PERCENT, US-19 PERCENT, REST OF WORLD-39 PERCENT; AND FROM 1973-1976, EC-41 PERCENT, US-27 PERCENT, AND REST OF WORLD-32 PERCENT. VOLUME COMPARISONS WOULD REQUIRE CONVERSION OF DIFFERENT QUANTITY MEASURES USED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES INTO COMMON MEASURE RESULTING IN INCREASED INACCURACY.

3. DATA ALSO INDICATE THAT DURING 1970-1976 PERIOD NON-OECD TEXTILE AND APPAREL EXPORTS HAVE GONE TO EC, U.S. AND REST OF WORLD IN PERCENTAGE SHARES (VALUE) AS FOLLOWS:

--- EC US REST OF WORLD
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1970	37	36	27
1971	38	34	27
1972	37	38	24
1973	39	26	35
1974	41	26	33
1975	44	25	31
1976	40	27	33

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